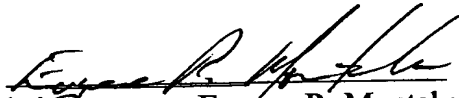


REMARKS:

The specification has been amended to correct formatting errors. An abstract has been added, the specification has been amended to correct various grammatical, typographical and formatting errors and the claims have been amended to conform to US practice. If it would be considered helpful in resolving any issues in the case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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